Increase in advertisement rates of Doordarshan

*73. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan had earlier increased its rates of advertisements;

(b) if so, what are the current rates of its advertisements;

(c) whether there is any proposal to further increase the rates of advertisements by Doordarshan; and

(d) what is the total income earned by Doordarshan in the last one year through advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. The rates were revised with effect from March 1, 1987.

(b) A copy of the rate card is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 12]

(c) There is no such proposal at present, however, certain rationalisation has been effected recently.

(d) Doordarshan's gross revenue from advertisements and sponsorship fee for the Calendar year 1987 was Rs. 127 crores, approximately.

Identification of unauthorised building activities in Delhi

*74. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, following the collapse of a four-storeyed unauthorised building at Shakarpur in East Delhi some time in November, 1987 Government have made any survey to identify the illegal building activities in the city;

(b) whether Government have also examined the effectiveness or otherwise of the existing rules and the working of the agencies involved in checking the unauthorised construction activities in the city; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) While no formal survey has been conducted by the government to identify illegal building activities in the city, all the local authorities concerned, namely, MCD, NDMC, DDA and the Delhi Cantonment Board which are entrusted with the identification, checking and removal of illegal building activities within their respective areas of jurisdiction, do identify and proceed against such activities in accordance with law.

(b) and (c) Government had, on considering the effectiveness of the relevant legal provisions and the working of the local authorities involved, made unauthorised construction a cognizable offence by amending the respective Statutes in 1984. Despite this, instances of unauthorised construction activities have been coming to the notice of the local authorities and, having regard to the attendant facts and circumstances, these authorities deal with them by levying fines, sealing the unauthorised premises, demolishing the unauthorised structures and launching prosecution in the courts of law.

Water crisis in Delhi

*75. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute water crisis in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the present supply of water against the actual need in the city;